

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 63-77, 79-81, 89-92 and 94 are pending in the application. Claims 51-62, 78, and 93 are withdrawn and Claims 82-88 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter described therein, and not in view of any prior art. New claim 94 has been added.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, election of one of the following patentably distinct inventions of the claimed invention was required:

Species I described by Claims 51-61, 82-87, and 93;

Species II described by Claims 63-77, 79-81, and 89-92; and

Species III described by Claim 78.

In response to the restriction requirement, Assignee elects without traverse Species II. New claim 94 depends from Claim 63 and thus is directed to Species II. No new matter has been added.

Generic Claims

Withdrawn Claim 51 is generic to elected Claim 63. Withdrawn Claim 93 is generic to elected Claim 63. In addition, withdrawn Claim 51 and withdrawn Claim 93 is generic to withdrawn Claim 78.

SUMMARY

Applicant believes that the currently pending elected claims are allowable in their present form, and respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance so indicating. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting examination/allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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